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RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 18, 2007, please enter the
following.

The Office Action has required restriction to one three identified groups;

- I. Claims 1 – 16 and 30 – 38;
- II. Claims 17 – 23; and
- III. Claims 24 – 29.

Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of Group I without traverse.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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